

**California Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment  
Registered Environmental Assessor Program  
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Sacramento, California 95814-4327  
(916) 324-6881**

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## Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) - Class I

### Application Package

## REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSOR (REA) - CLASS I

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Before completing this application, please read the REA - Class I Program - - Law, Regulations, and Information Collection, Access and Disclosure Statement.

Provide complete responses for each item on the application. Failing to do so may significantly delay the processing of your application. **The environmental assessing experience that you describe must clearly relate to the management of hazardous substances and/or hazardous waste management.** It is strongly suggested that the application be typed; if it is not typed, it must be neatly printed in ink. Applications which are not legible will be returned. Also, please use the Application Submittal Checklist to insure that your application package is complete.

### APPLICATION PACKAGE CONTENTS

1. REA - Class I Application Form, which includes:

- Application, Pages 1 through 8
- Three Reference Forms

Three Return Envelopes (The completed reference forms must be returned to you by your references, sealed in these envelopes.) **Note:** Applicants downloading the application from the internet will need to provide envelopes to their references, emphasizing the instructions to seal and sign across the flap before returning the form to the applicant.

- Authorization for Payment by Credit Card

2. Application Submittal Checklist

3. REA - Class I Program - - Law, Regulations, and Information Collection, Access and Disclosure Statement

- Health and Safety Code, § 25570.1 et seq.
- California Code of Regulations, Title 14, § 19030 et seq.
- Information Collection, Access and Disclosure Statement

**If you are missing any items, please contact the REA Program at (916) 324-6881.**

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT (OEHHA)  
**REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSOR (REA) - CLASS I APPLICATION FORM**

Information on this form must be typed or neatly printed in ink. "See attached" and resumes are not acceptable in lieu of completing this form. Attach a \$50 (fifty dollar) nonrefundable application review fee (check, money order, or credit card authorization) payable to OEHHA/REA - Class I.

REGISTRATION NO: REA - \_\_\_\_\_  
(For OEHHA Use Only)

**SECTION 1**

Mr./Ms./Dr. (circle one)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (M.I.) (Last)

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____ (City) (State) (Zip) (City)	HOME ADDRESS: _____ _____ _____ (State) (Zip)
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BUSINESS PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address to be used for registry listing: Business ☐ Home ☐

Address to be used for correspondence: Business ☐ Home ☐

(Business address will be used unless otherwise specified.)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: - - \_\_\_\_\_ (Refer to attached Information Collection, Access and Disclosure Statement)

United States Citizen ☐ Yes ☐ No (If no, please provide copy of work visa)

Have you previously applied for registration as an REA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**SECTION 2 - POST HIGH-SCHOOL EDUCATION:** Bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university in a physical or biological science, engineering or law. **(Attach copies of applicable diplomas)**  
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

<u>Name of Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree Received</u>	<u>Year Graduated</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**SECTION 3 - LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS/REGISTRATIONS:** State certification, licensing, registration or certification by a nationally recognized professional association in a physical or biological science, engineering or law.  
(Attach additional sheet if necessary)

<u>License/Certificate/Registration Name</u>	<u>Registration #'s</u>	<u>Awarding Agency</u>	<u>From/To (Month/Year)</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

**SECTION 4 - CRIMINAL RECORD**

Civil, criminal, or professional findings against you must be disclosed because they reflect your reputation, character and competence to perform hazardous substances and/or hazardous materials management assessments. Failure to disclose such matters may be cause to suspend or revoke your registration. Therefore, you must inform our office if you:

Have ever been convicted of, plead guilty to, or entered a plea of "nolo contendere" to any criminal offense (excluding traffic offenses) in this state, or elsewhere.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have ever had any professional or vocational license denied, revoked or suspended.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have ever been found liable for fraud, conversion or misrepresentation in a civil matter.

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered yes to any statement(s), please describe the circumstances in detail on an attachment. Include date, location, charge, plea, penalties, and current status.

## SECTION 5 - RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Begin with your most recent employment. List each of your **full-time** positions relating to your general field of expertise. Include employers name and dates employed for a minimum **five-year period within the last eight years**. Applicants should only list experience acquired within the last eight years. (Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Employer Name

Position

Supervisor Name/Title

Phone No.

Employer Mailing Address (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)

From/To (Month/Year)

From \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Total Months of Qualifying Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe qualifying experience:

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Position

Supervisor Name/Title

Phone No.

Employer Mailing Address (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)

From/To (Month/Year)

From \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Total Months of Qualifying Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe qualifying experience:

## SECTION 6 - SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSING EXPERIENCE

Describe your specific environmental assessing experience - **two years substantial experience acquired within the last four years**. If you do not have the required degree, describe **five years substantial experience acquired within the last eight years**. This description should be an overview of your experience and should emphasize that your experience involves hazardous substances and/or hazardous waste management. Be specific as to the hazardous substances or waste involved. Include dates (month/year) for the experience described (attach additional sheets if necessary).

Employer Name

Position

Supervisor Name/Title

Phone No.

Employer Mailing Address (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)

From/To (Month/Year)

From \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Total Months of Qualifying Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your substantial experience involving hazardous substances and/or hazardous waste management:

Employer Name

Position

Supervisor Name/Title

Phone No.

Employer Mailing Address (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)

From/To (Month/Year)

From \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Total Months of Qualifying Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your substantial experience involving hazardous substances and/or hazardous waste management:

## SECTION 7 - Areas of Expertise

Provide an overview of your environmental assessing expertise and include information (project name, client, and client's telephone number) regarding one particular project in which you were involved. Emphasize your experience and be specific about the types of hazardous substances and/or hazardous wastes involved. Include dates (month/year) for the experience described.

NOTE: The experience you describe below must have been acquired **within the last four years**. If you do not have a qualifying degree, describe experience that you have acquired **within the last eight years**. Provide one description for each subitem checked.

(Continue on next page)

Please check internal code number for all areas of expertise that apply and enter the appropriate code numbers again for each area of expertise you claim and describe below:

- ☐ 7.01 Air Emissions Prevention, Monitoring and Control
- ☐ 7.03 Emergency Preparedness and Response
- ☐ 7.12 Surface and Groundwater Contamination Prevention, Monitoring and Control
- ☐ 7.15 Small Generator Waste Reduction, Recycling, Treatment, and Disposal
- ☐ 7.21 Occupational Health and Safety Reviews
- ☐ 7.23 Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Recommendations
- ☐ 7.25 Assessment of Soil Contamination
- ☐ 7.27 Underground Tank Checks and Removal
- ☐ 7.29 Others

### Subitem 7.

Brief Description:

Representative Project Name:

Client:

Phone No.:

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Client:

Phone No.:

**SECTION 8 - REFERENCES:** Provide the names of three professional references. For each reference, list his or her full name, place of employment, address and telephone number. Failure to provide current telephone numbers at which your references can be reached may delay the processing of your application. References must be your current or past employers, supervisors, clients, or a professional colleague at an equal or higher level, and must be able to attest to your technical competency, professional integrity/ethics and knowledge of environmental regulations.

Name

Company

Address

(Zip Code)

Telephone No. (     )

Name

Company

Address

(Zip Code)

Telephone No. (     )

Name

Company

Address

(Zip Code)

Telephone No. (     )

**Reference Handling Instructions:**

The application package includes three Professional Reference Forms and three return envelopes. For each reference, self-address each return envelope and affix postage. Complete Section A of each reference form. Place the envelope and the appropriate reference form in another envelope and deliver that package to each of your three references.

Each reference will complete his or her form, seal it in the return envelope, sign on the seal, ~~add~~ add it back to you. Do not open sealed envelopes You must submit the three sealed envelopes containing reference forms as a part of your application.

Note that the envelopes include a line on the seal upon which the reference must sign his or her name; REA staff will verify that the envelopes remain sealed by the references to protect the confidentiality of the information contained in the reference form. Applications will be rejected if tampering with envelope seals is evident.

SECTION 9 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT (All Applicants Must Sign Below)

Any person willfully providing false information is subject to serious penalties. The signatory of this document hereby certifies that he/she has read and understands the foregoing statement and that all information provided herein is accurate and truthful.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information contained in this application, as well as any other documents submitted in support of this application, is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature	Date Executed
Applicant's Printed Name and Title	Executed in the County of

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**Professional Reference Form**  
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**FOR CLARITY, A PRINTED OR TYPEWRITTEN RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.**

- A. The **applicant** must complete the following information before sending this form to the reference:

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Title & Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Reference Telephone Number: ( (Area Code) ) \_\_\_\_\_

- B. The **reference** must complete the following section. These questions concern the professional capabilities and character of the applicant. Please answer as accurately and candidly as possible. Attach a separate sheet if you need additional space to fully answer any part. Your evaluation will be maintained as confidential information pursuant to the Information Practices Act of 1977.

Over....

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(Month/Year to Month/Year)

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- ☐ Employer                      ☐ Supervisor                      ☐ Client  
☐ Co-worker at equal or higher level                      ☐ Other\*

\*Explain your professional relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any other relationships with the applicant including family relationships, relationships of marriage, or social relationships: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did the applicant make technical decisions and/or recommendations for assessments and/or remedial actions involving hazardous substances or hazardous waste management?

- ☐ Yes                      ☐ No

4. My appraisal of the applicant's qualifications to objectively conduct one or more aspects of an environmental assessment is:

<u>Factor</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Unable to Rate</u>
Technical Competency	_____	_____	_____
Professional Integrity	_____	_____	_____
Knowledge of Environmental Regulations	_____	_____	_____

### Please Print:

Reference Name	Telephone Number (Area Code) (       )
Title	Fax Number (Area Code) (       )
Company	
Street Address	
City, State and Zip	
Reference Signature: _____	
I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.	
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**Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment**  
**Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) - Class I Program**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD**

<b>PAYMENT FOR REA - Class I Application Processing Fee*</b>	<b>CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX:</b>
<b>Name</b> (First) (M.I.) (Last)	\$_____ <b>Amount authorized</b>
<b>Mailing Address</b> (Number, Street, and Apt./Suite)	 <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>
(City) (State) (ZIP Code)	VISA Master Card American Express Discover /NOVUS Cards Card No.: _____ Expiration Date: ____ / ____
(Area Code)	<b>Printed Cardholder Name</b> (First) (M.I.) (Last)
<b>Phone #:</b> (____) ____ - ____	<b>**Cardholder Signature</b> <b>Date Signed</b>

**\*NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE \$50 APPLICATION REVIEW FEE**

**\*\*No credit card payments may be authorized unless the cardholder's signature is present and has been dated.**

REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSOR  
(REA) - CLASS I

APPLICATION SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

**REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSOR  
(REA) - CLASS I**

**APPLICATION SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST**

To assure efficient processing of your Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) Class I application, please confirm that the following items have been completed and/or enclosed. Do not send your application unless all items are enclosed.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 application processing fee -- check or money order -- payable to  
OEHHA/REA - Class I, or completed Authorization For Payment by Credit Card.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed application form and any supporting documentation.
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Registered Environmental Assessor Program - Class I  
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## REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSOR (REA) - CLASS I

- LAW
- REGULATIONS
- INFORMATION COLLECTION,  
ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## Section 25570.1 et seq. of California H & S Code

### § 25570.1. Short title

This chapter shall be known and cited as the “Environmental Quality Assessment Act of 1986.” (*Added by Stats.1986, c. 1507, § 1.*)

### § 25570.2. Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms have the following meaning:

(a) “Air board” means the State Air Resources Board.

(b) “Cal-OSHA” means the Division of Occupational Safety and Health in the Department of Industrial Relations.

(c) “Office” means the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

(d) “Director” means the Director of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

(e) “Water board” means the State Water Resource Control Board.

(f) “Environmental quality assessment” or “assessment” means a systematic, documented, periodic, and objective review of the operations and practices, used by any commercial or industrial business or individual whose activities are regulated under Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 25100) or Chapter 6.95 (commencing with Section 25500), to achieve, monitor, maintain, and where feasible exceed, compliance with state environmental, worker health and safety, and public health requirements for the manufacture and use of hazardous substances and the generation and disposal of hazardous wastes. A complete environmental assessment includes a number of different components related to hazardous substance and hazardous waste management and requires the expertise of a variety of assessors. An environmental assessment includes technical or managerial recommendations or actions, of a general or specific nature, in one or more of the following areas:

(1) Recommendations or specific actions for complying with, and where feasible, exceeding legal requirements in areas related to hazardous substance and hazardous waste management, including, but not limited to, air quality, water quality, emergency preparedness and response, hazard communications, and occupational safety and health.

(2) A qualitative review, or where feasible, a quantitative review, of the risks resulting from occupational, public or environmental exposure to hazardous substances.

(3) Recommendations or actions for anticipating and minimizing the risks specified in paragraph (2), including any potential liability, associated with regulated and unregulated hazardous substances, and any suggested management procedures or practices.

(g) “Environmental assessor” or “assessor” means an individual who, through academic training, occupational experience, and reputation, is qualified to objectively conduct one or more aspects of an environmental assessment. Environmental assessors may include, but shall not be limited to, specialists trained as analytical chemists, professional engineers, epidemiologists, hydrologists, attorneys with expertise in hazardous substance law, physicians, industrial hygienists, toxicologists, registered environmental health specialists, and environmental program managers.

(h) “Hazardous substance” shall have the same meaning as found in Chapter 6.8 (commencing with Section 25300) and “hazardous waste” shall have the same meaning as found in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 25100).

(*Added by Stats.1986, c. 1507, § 1. Amended by Stats.1989, c. 755 § 1; Gov.Reorg.Plan No. 1 of 1991, § 123, eff. July 17, 1991; Stats.1994, c. 143 (A.B.2382), § 3.*)

### § 25570.3. Voluntary registration of environmental assessors; criteria; two classes; fees; denial of registration; list of registered assessors; rescission of registration; appeal

(a) The director, in consultation with the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the State Water Resources Control Board, the State Air Resources Board, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health in the Department of Industrial Relations, and the Department of Consumer Affairs shall develop, adopt by regulation, and publicize criteria for, the voluntary registration of environmental assessors who have the experience or qualifications sufficient to conduct environmental assessments. The director shall determine criteria for the establishment of two classes of environmental assessors.

(b) In establishing criteria for the registration of class I environmental assessors the director shall consider all of the following:

(1) The level of experience, including a minimum of two years of experience in successfully assisting businesses, government agencies, or labor organizations in the assessor’s general field of expertise.

(2) Recommendations from clients, colleagues, and professional associations.

(3) Skills or expertise that represent an area of specialty within a field, such as professional engineering or engineering geology, for which the state now offers a certification, licensing, or registration process.

(4) Pertinent specialized certification, licensing, or registration programs offered by professional associations or other private sector organizations.

(5) Specific areas of expertise, including, but not limited to, underground tank checks or removal, small generator waste reduction, recycling, treatment, and disposal, prevention and control of air emissions and water releases, assessment of soil or groundwater contamination, risk assessment and risk reduction recommendations, or occupational safety and health reviews.

(c) In addition to registration as a class I environmental assessor, an applicant for registration as a class II environmental assessor shall, in addition to any requirements specified by regulation, meet both of the following requirements:

(1) Possess a bachelor of science degree from an accredited college or university in a physical or biological science, engineering, or a related field.

(2) Have a minimum of eight years of professional-level environmental experience, acquired within the last 10 years, of which four years shall be professional-level site mitigation experience acquired within the last six years.

(d) The director may appoint an ad hoc advisory committee to assist in developing the requirements for the registration of class I and class II environmental assessors. The members of the ad hoc committee shall represent the range of professional skills that may be possessed by class I and class II environmental assessors, and shall be registered or certified in their respective professions by the State of California.

(e) The director shall require each applicant for registration as a class I or class II environmental assessor to pay the following fees:

(1) For a class I environmental assessor:

(A) A nonrefundable application fee of up to fifty dollars (\$50) for each applicant seeking registration as a class I environmental assessor.

(B) An annual fee of up to one hundred dollars (\$100) for registration as a class I environmental assessor.

(2) For a class II environmental assessor:

(A) A nonrefundable application fee of up to one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) for each applicant seeking registration as a class II environmental assessor.

(B) An annual fee of up to five hundred dollars (\$500) for registration as a class II environmental assessor.

(f) The director shall assess the fees specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (e) at a level sufficient to meet the costs of application processing, registration, listing and publication, audits, complaints, investigations, disciplinary proceedings, and such other activities that are reasonably necessary to administer and implement the environmental assessor registration program.

(g) Any applicant who is denied registration shall be notified in writing by a letter signed by the director stating the reasons for the denial. The applicant may respond to the registration denial by providing additional information for the purpose of clarifying the application, and may request reconsideration of the denial.

(h)(1) On or before March of each year, the director shall, in collaboration with associations representing small and medium-sized businesses, publish, prepare, and disseminate a list of registered environmental assessors that are listed by class.

(2) The list prepared pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be arranged in accordance with the types of tasks performed by the registered environmental assessor, and, at a minimum, shall specify the professional and employment affiliations and the specific area of expertise of the assessor, and shall indicate whether the assessor is a sales representative, owner, or part owner of a business that manufactures or distributes technology for hazardous substances or hazardous waste management. In addition, the list shall provide an alphabetical listing of firms that provide environmental assessment services and that employ registered assessors. The registered assessors employed by each firm shall be listed with the firm's name by class. The director shall include a written disclaimer of liability as part of the published list of registered assessors.

(i) Each environmental assessor shall obtain a renewal of registration every five years following the date of initial registration or renewal of registration. The director shall determine a renewal fee that is sufficient to cover the reasonable costs incurred in reassessing the qualifications of the applicant for renewal. In considering whether to renew a registration, the director shall also consider any factual complaints regarding the work of that assessor.

(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no state agency or employee of a state agency shall be held liable for any injury or damages resulting from the services provided by a registered environmental assessor listed pursuant to subdivision (h). In any litigation regarding the registration process or the list of assessors, the Attorney General shall defend a state employee or state agency involved with the development or implementation of the program specified in this chapter.

(k) The director may perform periodic audits of work performed and certified by class II environmental assessors, as necessary, to ensure the desired standard of performance. A registered class II environmental assessor shall provide an authorized representative of the director with complete access, at any reasonable hour of the day, to all technical data, reports, records, environmental samples, photographs, maps, and files used in the preparation of certified reports, with the exception of proprietary or other confidential information.

(l) The director shall rescind a class II environmental assessor's registration when an assessor's performance falls below the minimum required standards of performance adopted pursuant to Section 25395.15, as determined by an audit conducted by an authorized representative of the director pursuant to subdivision (k) or by the department pursuant to Section 25395.12. In addition to a failure to meet the minimum standards of performance adopted pursuant to Section 25395.15, any one of the following findings shall be sufficient grounds for the rescission of a registration:

(1) Gross negligence.

(2) Inexcusable neglect of duty.

(3) Intentional misrepresentation of laboratory data or other intentional fraud.

(4) Charging for services not rendered, or for performing services that are not reasonably necessary.

(5) Abandonment of any client, except for instances involving the nonpayment of fees for services rendered.

(6) Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving the regulation of hazardous wastes, hazardous substances, or hazardous materials, including, but not limited to, a conviction of a felony or misdemeanor under Section 25395.13.

(7) Conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

(8) Knowingly making a false statement regarding a material fact or knowingly fail to disclose a material fact in connection with an application for registration.

(m) The director shall adopt, by regulation, a procedure for the appeal of a rescission of registration, which shall be adopted on the same date that regulations which implement this section are adopted. (*Added by Stats.1995, c. 8.20 (A.B.1876), § 3.*)

#### **§ 25570.4. Civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering; construction of article**

Nothing in this article shall be construed to authorize a person registered as an environmental assessor pursuant to Section 25570.3 to practice civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering, or to exempt a registered civil, electrical, or mechanical engineer who is also a registered environmental assessor from Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 6700) of Division 3 of the Business and Professions Code. (*Added by Stats.1995, c. 8.20 (A.B.1876), § 4.*)



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**CHAPTER 3. VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSORS**

**§ 19030. Definitions.**

For purposes of this Chapter the following definitions apply:

(a) "Environmental quality assessment" or "assessment" means a systematic, documented, periodic, and objective review of the operations and practices, used by any commercial or industrial business or individual whose activities are regulated under Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 25100) or Chapter 6.95 (commencing with Section 25500) of the Health and Safety Code, to achieve, monitor, maintain, and where feasible exceed, compliance with environmental, worker health and safety, and public health requirements for the manufacture and use of hazardous substances and the generation and disposal of hazardous wastes. A complete environmental assessment includes a number of different components related to hazardous substance and hazardous waste management and requires the expertise of a variety of assessors. An environmental assessment includes technical or managerial recommendations or actions, of a general or specific nature, in one or more of the following areas:

(1) Recommendations or specific actions for complying with, and where feasible, exceeding legal requirements in areas related to hazardous substance and hazardous waste management, including, but not limited to, air quality, water quality, emergency preparedness and response, hazard communications, and occupational safety and health.

(2) A qualitative review, or where feasible, a quantitative review, of the risks resulting from occupational, public or environmental exposure to hazardous substances.

(3) Recommendations or actions for anticipating and minimizing the risks specified in paragraph (2), including any potential liability, associated with regulated and unregulated hazardous substances, and any suggested management procedures or practices.

(b) "Registered environmental assessor - Class I" or "assessor - Class I" means an individual who, through academic training, occupational experience, and reputation, is qualified to objectively conduct one or more aspects of an environmental assessment. Registered environmental assessors - Class I may include, but shall not be limited to, specialists trained as analytical chemists, professional engineers, epidemiologists, hydrologists, attorneys with expertise in hazardous substance law, physicians, industrial hygienists, toxicologists, and environmental program managers.

(c) "Director" means the Director of the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA).

Note: Authority cited: Section 25570.3, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25570-25570.4, Health and Safety Code.

**HISTORY**

1. New section filed 7-30-87; operative 9-1-87 (Register 87, No. 32).
2. Amendment of subsection (b), and repealer and new subsection (c) filed 7-1-96 as an emergency; operative 7-1-96 (Register 96, No. 27). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-29-96 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

**§ 19031. Qualifications and Application Procedures.**

The applicant for registration as a registered environmental assessor - Class I shall:

- (a) Demonstrate a minimum of five (5) years full time experience in the applicant's general field of expertise, acquired within the last eight (8) years.

(b) Demonstrate a minimum of two (2) years substantial experience in performing environmental assessments acquired within the last four (4) years.

(c) Possess a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited college or university in a physical or biological science, engineering or law. State certification, licensing or registration or certification by a nationally recognized professional association in a physical or biological science, engineering or law shall be considered equivalent to such training. Five (5) years substantial experience performing environmental assessments acquired within the last eight (8) years shall also be considered equivalent to such training.

(d) Provide the names, addresses, telephone numbers and professional affiliations of three or more references who as employers or clients can attest to the accuracy of the evidence provided by the applicant, to the applicant's professional competence and character, or both.

(e) Apply using a form provided by the Director entitled "Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) Application Form".

(f) Forward a \$50 (fifty dollar) nonrefundable application fee by check or money order made payable to the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, Registered Environmental Assessor Program, or OEHHA/REA Program, along with the application.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25570.3, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25570-25570.4, Health and Safety Code.

#### HISTORY

1. New section filed 7-30-87; operative 9-1-87 (Register 87, No. 32).
2. Amendment of opening line and subsections (e) and (f) filed 7-1-96 as an emergency; operative 7-1-96 (Register 96, No. 27). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-29-96 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

#### **§ 19032. Registration, Renewal and Disqualification.**

(a) The Director shall compile and update a directory of registered environmental assessors - Class I, based on the application information, and

other relevant information brought to the Director's attention.

b) On or before June, 1996, to become a registered environmental assessor - Class I, the applicant shall forward the sum of \$100 (one hundred dollars) by check or money order made payable to the OEHHA/REA Program, upon notice of acceptance, and annually thereafter. On or after July 1, 1996, to become a registered environmental assessor - Class I, the applicant shall forward the sum of \$75 (seventy-five dollars) by check or money order made payable to the OEHHA/REA Program, upon notice of acceptance, and annually thereafter. When submitting the annual renewal fee, assessors - Class I may also update the application information they previously submitted.

(c) Assessors - Class I shall apply for renewal of registration every five (5) years following the date of initial registration by completing a renewal application form provided by the Director and paying the fee determined by the Director.

(d) For cause, the Director may revoke or suspend the registration of any registered environmental assessor - Class I and delete that assessor's name from the directory.

Note: Authority cited: Section 25570.3, Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 25570-25570.4, Health and Safety Code.

#### HISTORY

1. New Section filed 7-30-87; operative 9-1-87 (Register 87, No. 32).
2. Amendment of section filed 7-1-96 as an emergency; operative 7-1-96 (Register 96, No. 27). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-29-96 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.

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## INFORMATION COLLECTION, ACCESS AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Information Practices Act, Sec. 1798.17 Civil Code, requires the following information to be provided when collecting information from individuals.

**AGENCY NAME:**

California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA), Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) Program

**TITLE OF OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMATION MAINTENANCE:**

Deputy Director  
Regulatory, Outreach and Support Programs

**ADDRESS:**

301 Capitol Mall, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814-4327

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

(916) 324-6881

**AUTHORITY WHICH AUTHORIZES THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INFORMATION:**

Section 25570.3, Chapter 6.8, Division 3, of the State Health and Safety Code.

**THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT PROVIDING ALL OR ANY PART OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION:**

It is mandatory that you provide all information requested. Omission of any item of requested information will result in the application being rejected as incomplete.

**THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE(S) FOR WHICH THE INFORMATION IS TO BE USED:**

The information requested will be used to determine qualifications for registration, licensure, or certification to determine compliance with the group and corporate practice provisions of the law and to establish positive identification.

**ANY KNOWN OR FORESEEABLE DISCLOSURES WHICH MAY BE MADE OF THE INFORMATION:**

Your completed application becomes the property of the agency and will be used by authorized personnel to determine your eligibility for registration. Information on your application may be transferred to other governmental or law enforcement agencies. Pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code Section 6250 et seq.) and the Information Practices Act (Civ. Code Section 1798.61), the names and addresses of persons possessing a license or registration may be disclosed by the department unless otherwise specifically exempt from disclosure under the law. **Consequently, the personal name and address information entered on the attached form(s) may become public information subject to disclosure.**

**SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER DISCLOSURE**

Disclosure of your social security is mandatory. Section 30 of the Business and Professions Code and Public Law 94-455 [42 U.S.C.A. Section 405(c)(2)(C)] authorizes collection of your social security number. Your social security number will be used exclusively for tax enforcement purposes, for purposes of compliance with any judgment or order for family support in accordance with section 11350.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or for verification of licensure or examination and where licensure is reciprocal with the requesting state. If you fail to disclose your social security number, you will be reported to the Franchise Tax Board, which may assess a \$100 penalty against you.

**Individuals have the right to review their own files or records maintained by the agency, unless the records are exempt under Section 1798.40 of the Information Practices Act. You may gain access to the information by contacting the REA Program at the above address.**

